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SUBJECT: CAMPORA CHANGES TRAVEL PLANS

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1. PERONIST SOURCES TOLD US THIS MORNING THAT CAMPORA HAS CHANGED TRAVEL PLANS ON PERON' S INSTRUCTIONS. PERON REPORTEDLY CALLED DURING PAST TWO DAYS TO SAY HE UNHAPPY WITH DIRECTION EVENTS ARE TAKING IN ARGENTINA (MODERATES INTERPRET THIS AS REFERRING TO UNRESTRAINED ROLE GALIMBERTI HAS BEEN PLAYING DURING PAST WEEKS) AND HE WANTS TO HAVE LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH CAMPORA. CAMPORA WILL DEPART ON SCHEDULE APRIL 26. SOURCES SAY, HOWEVER, THAT PERON INDICATED UNSETTLED SITUATION IN ARGENTINA AND DIMINISHING TIME UNTIL INAUGURATION MADE IT NECESSARY TO SCRUB TOUR OF OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. ACCORDINGLY, PERONIST REPS HERE HAVE INFORMED VARIOUS EMBASSIES THAT CAMPORA PROBABLY WILL NOT BE TRAVELLING TO THEIR CAPITALS (THOUGH WHERE
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PERON IS CONCERNED ONE CANNOT BE CERTAIN FROM ONE DAY TO NEXT OF HIS PLANS).

2. COMMENT: INTERPRETATION OF PERONIST SOURCES THAT PERON IS DISTURBED PRINCIPALLY OVER WAY IN WHICH GALIMBERTI HAS PRESSED HARD- LINE MAY BE WISHFUL THINKING. PERON IS MASTER AT PLAYING BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE. ON OTHER HAND, GALIMBERTI HAS INDEED DURING PAST WEEK OR SO STARTED TO TALK AS IF HE WERE ALREADY LEADER OF THE MOVEMENT-- AND THIS IS ONE OFFENSE PERON FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO OVERLOOK. HE WILL BROOK NO SUGGESTION THAT ANYONE ELSE IS THE LEADER. FURTHER, THE QUESTION WHICH LOOMS LARGEST IN MINDS OF MOST MODERATE ARGENTINES AT THIS POINT-- BOTH PERONISTS AND NON- PERONISTS-- AND WHICH MAY DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CAMPORA GOVT CAN BRING ABOUT THE KIND OF CONSENSUS NEEDED TO OVERCOME THE COUNTRY' S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IS PRECISELY: " CAN CAMPORA AND OTHER MODERATE PERONIST LEADERS CONTROL RADICAL YOUTH WING?" HOPEFULLY, PERON MAY INDEED INTEND TO GIVE THEM A HAND.
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